SENATOR CUDABACK: We will stand at ease until 3:30.

EASE

SENATOR CUDABACK: We're ready to be called back to order.
Mr. Speaker, I mean, Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have items before we proceed.
Enrollment and Review reports LB 1278 to Select File, LB 876,
LB 1115, LB 488, LB 488A, LB 847, LB 1033, LB 426, LB 876A, all
reported to Select File, some having Enrollment and Review
amendments attached. (Legislative Journal pages 1511-1521.)

Mr. President, back to LB 1085, the next amendment to be
considered is AM3624, Senator Kristensen. (Legislative Journal
pages 1522-1526.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open
on your amendment, AM3624, to LB 1085.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the
Legislature. Obviously, this is an amendment that, as Speaker,
causes me some hesitation to move from being, if you will, sort
of a scheduler of amendments to moving to a more pointed
conversation that we need to have. For the last really four or
five legislative days,   there   has   been   a   variety   of
conversations.   I have been in small groups. I have been in
large groups. I have talked to individuals, and I'm sorry I've
not talked to absolutely everyone. Over the weekend I visited
with people, over the course of the last couple of legislative
days,   and I have tried to take from each of those conversations
what people's attitudes are, listen to their frustrations, and I
can't tell you that this is an amendment that solves the whole
problem.   But what I want to tell you is that at 3:30 on the
fifty-third day, if we don't move some bill as a package, as a
solving of the problem, and try to move it today, and then allow
tomorrow to be a layover day, so then on the fifty-fifth day, by
rule, we can read this because it has a tax increase, that these
may not occur.   If they don't occur, the cuts that you've seen
is only a start. The cuts will be in additional areas.   For
many of you, that only other cut that has large amounts of